GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2547
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2007
HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDOR
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Railway proposes to take up pre- feasibility studies for construction of one high speed passenger corridor each in the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions for trains running 300 and 500 kmph;

(b): if so, the details in this regard; and

(c): the time by which the said pre-feasibility studies for construction of High Speed passenger corridor will be conducted?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2547 B Y SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.08.2007 REGARDING HIGH SPEED PASSENGER CORRIDOR

(a): Yes, Sir. Speeds of 300 to 350 kilometers per hour are under consideration.

(b): During the Budget speech 2007-08, it was announced that Ministry of Railways will conduct pre-feasibility studies for construction of high speed passenger corridors, equipped with state of the art signaling and train control systems, for running high speed trains at speeds of 300 to 350 kms per hour; one each in the Northern, Western, Southern and Eastern regions of the country.

In this regard, various State Governments were approached by Railways to find out their willingness for participating in pre-feasibility studies. Government of Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal have agreed 'in principle' to participate in any pre-feasibilitystudies.

(c): This proposal is in its initial stages. Pre- feasibility studies require involvement of more than one agency. Each one of the activities i.e. finalization of corridors, selection of consultants and actual study takes considerable time. The approximate time schedule for such studies is expected to be about 2 years.